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SUBJ: REVIEW OF CANAL ZONE MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFTEL;
RESPONSES CORRESPOND TO LETTERED PARAGRAPHS.

A. HOST COUNTRY IMED PROGRAM IS DEVELOPED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL
SERVICE COORDINATION WITH USMILGP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES.
PRIORITIES ARE FINALIZED BY GOB AFTER DETERMINATION OF TRAINING
NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING AVAILABLE, AND FUNDS ALLOCATED.
GOB PRIORITIES VARY BY SERVICE AND WITHIN SEPARATE SERVICE WITH
RESPECT TO PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, BUT NORMALLY COR-
RESPOND WITH USMILGP PRIORITIES. MUCH OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND/OR
TECHNICAL TRAINING IS RLEATED TO FMS AND/OR GRANT AID MATERIAL
REQUIRING BOTH PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING, E.G. C-130
AIRCRAFT TRAINING.

B. TRAINING FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED BY USMILGP TO THE SEPARATE HOST
COUNTRY SERVICES AND ADJUSTMENTS ARE MADE BETWEEN SERVICES BASED
ON PRIORITIES.

C. "FENCING" HAS HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON FY 77 IMETP IN THAT
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52.2 PERCENT OF ALLOCATED FUNDS WERE FENCED, THUS LEAVING ONLY
\$286,000 FOR CONUS COURSE COSTS AND TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE
(TLA) FOR ALL SERVICES FOR CZ AND CONUS. CONSEQUENTLY, BOLIVIAN
ARMY OPTED SOLELY FOR CZ SCHOOLING TRAINING TAKING ADVANTAGE OF
FENCED FUNDING, BUT ELIMINATED ITS NUMBER ONE PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING PRIORITY--THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE COURSE
IN CONUS.

D. IF GOB HAD HAD FREEDOM OF CHOICE AS TO LOCATION OF TRAINING AND TYPES OF TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN FUNDS PROGRAMMED FOR FY 76, FY 77, AND FY 78, EACH SERVICE WOULD HAVE HAD NO CHANGE FOR FY 76 AND FY 77; HOWEVER, IN FY 78, BOLIVIAN ARMY (BOLAR) WOULD HAVE CHOSEN TO SEND ONE STUDENT TO COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE AT FORT LEAVENWORTH; ONE STUDENT TO MOTOR OFFICERS COURSE AND THEN THE ARMOR ADVANCE COURSE AT FORT KNOX; AND ONE STUDENT TO THE SIGNAL ADVANCE COURSE AT FORT GORDON. THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO CHANGE TO TECHNICAL TRAINING. NAVY REQUESTED NO CONUS TRAINING DUE TO THE LACK OF LANGUAGE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. THE NAVY'S PRESENT TRAINING EMPHASIS IS ON TECHNICAL TRAINING IN COMMUNICATIONS AND SMALL CRAFT. AT PRESENT FLEET MANNING LEVELS, THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AN INCREASE IN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. THE BOLIVIA AIR FORCE (BAF) WOULD NOT HAVE CHOSEN TO CHANGE ITS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FY 76 OR FY 78, AND WITH THE SMALL FENCED FUNDING FOR IAAFA (\$56,000) IN FY 78, THEY WERE ABLE TO AFFORD CONUS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND AT THE SAME TIME UTILIZE IAAFA TECHNICAL TRAINING. BAF DESIRES CZ TECHNICAL TRAINING RATHER THAN CONUS DUE TO HIGH COST OF LATTER.

E. ESTIMATE 10-15 STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO CZ TRAINING, AND NONE TO U.S. COURSES WOULD BE BOLAR - BASIC AND ADVANCE RADIO REPAIR, DEMOLITION; BAF C-130 SPECIALIST TRAINING (ELECTRIC, HYDRAULIC, ENGINE, ETC); BOLNAV - NONE.

F. ESTIMATE THREE STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO CONUS, AND TWO TO CZ. CONUS COURSES WOULD BE BOLAR - COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF - LEAVENWORTH, ENGINEER ADVANCED - FORT BELVOIR; BAF - SQUADRON OFFICERS SCHOOL - MAXWELL. CZ COURSES WOULD BE ENGINEER BASIC, AND C AND GS, FORT GULICK FOR BOLAR.

G. ESTIMATE 5-10 STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO CZ AND NONE TO CONUS.
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COURSES WOULD BE FOR BAF C-130 SPECIALIST TRAINING (ELECTRONICS, HYDRAULIC, ENGINE, ETC)

H. ESTIMATE NO STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO CZ OR CONUS.

I. IF COURSES WERE DISCONTINUED IN THE CANAL ZONE, HIGH COMMAND (HC) WOULD RELY ON COURSES OFFERED BY OTHER LA COUNTRIES AND US MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING NEEDS AND A FEW CONUS SCHOOLS TO SATISFY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

J. (I) SELECTION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES IS OFTEN POLITICAL RATHER THAN BY QUALIFICATION; CONSEQUENTLY, COMPLETE SELECTION PROCESS MANY TIMES IS NOT BASED ON BEST QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

(II) HOST COUNTRY'S PRIORITIES GENERALLY COINCIDE WITH EMBASSY/MILGP TRAINING PRIORITIES.

K. IF USG TERMINATES PAYMENT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COSTS, THIS WOULD NOW CAUSE A MAJOR REDUCTION IN CONUS TRAINING. IT HAS BEEN THE EXPERIENCE OF MILGP THAT VERY SELDOM IS A CANDIDATE SUFFICIENTLY PROFICIENT IN THE LANGUAGE SO AS NOT REPEAT NOT TO NEED SOME DLI TRAINING; THUS THE CZ WOULD PROBABLY BE THE SOLE TRAINING LOCATION UNDER IMET. HOWEVER, THE HC IS NOW PLACING

EMPHASIS ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND SHOULD IN THE FUTURE
ACQUIRE THE CAPABILITY TO QUALIFY STUDENTS FOR CONUS SCHOOLS.
L. IF CZ SCHOOLS WERE RELOCATED TO CONUS, THIS WOULD GREATLY
DIMINISH OR ELIMINATE BOLIVIA IMET DUE TO INCREASED TLA, GOB PER
DIEM REQUIREMENTS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

2. THE IMET PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY RESPONSIVE TO HOST COUNTRY MILI-
TARY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; HOWEVER, PROVIDING FIRM IMET PROGRAM
FUNDING LEVELS (AND FIRM FENCING LEVELS, IF REQUIRED) PRECEDING
COMMENCEMENT OF THE FY WOULD ENABLE HC TO PLAN A COHERENT PROGRAM
THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO LONG-TERM HC REQUIREMENTS.
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